(c) the amount allocated to the State for dairy development from 2004 to 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) The Approach Paper of Eleventh Plan that has been finalized by the National Development Council on 9th December, 2006 lays adequate emphasis on the development of Animal Husbandry Sector. The per cent of amount to be spent on dairy development, out of the funds allocated would be available only after the Eleventh Plan is finalized. Annual Plan 2007-08 for Andhra Pradesh is yet to be firmed up.

(c) The details of the outlays for the Animal Husbandry and Dairying for the financial year 2004-05 and 2005-06 of Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Outlay	Expenditure
2004-05	533.74	260.04
2005-06	1543.74	1526.84

Extension of crop insurance cover

1190. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to extend crop insurance cover to all crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), at present, covers all food crops (cereals, millets, pulses) oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops. As per provision of the scheme State Governments are free to notify any of the crop(s) from the above three broad categories of crops subject to the availability of past yield data for adequate number of years and capacity of the State to conduct requisite number of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) under single series of CCEs for making assessment of yield.

Perennial crops are not yet covered under the scheme because of their multi-picking nature of yield and non-availability of adequate past yield data.

Wastage of fruits and vegetables

1191. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large quantity of vegetables and fruits are being wasted due to lack of storage and processing facilities;

(b) if so, how much losses were incurred during the last two years; and

(c) the possible steps Governments are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The wastage of vegetables and fruits due to post harvest losses, has been estimated as 25% to 30%, valued at Rs. 20,000 crore to Rs. 50,000 crore annually reported in the fifth and final report of the National Commission of Farmers.

(c) For horticulture crops, the Government has launched two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States and Sikkim" since 2001-02 which was extended to the Himalayan States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during 2003-04 and "National Horticulture Mission" during 2005-06 for the remaining States. These schemes provide assistance for creating post-harvest infrastructure, including cold storage facilities as back-ended subsidy @ 33.33% of the project cost with a ceiling of Rs. 60.00 lakh per unit for hilly and tribal areas and @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per unit for other States. National Horticulture Board (NHB) is also implementing programmes aimed at reducing the losses horticulture produce through the schemes "Captial Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of cold storage/storages for Horticulture Produce" having the same norms and "Development of commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management" providing back ended subsidy @ 20% of the total